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Warrant for Town Meeting.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Douglas, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

You are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Douglas, on Monday, the nineteenth day of March, inst., at ten o'clock, in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing years, including an Agent and three Appraisers on the Devise of Moses Wallis to the Inhabitants of Douglas; three School Committee for three years each, two Trustees of the Public Library, for three years each; and one Road Commissioner for three years.

Art 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

Art. 4. To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the Support of Poor, of Schools, for Repairing School Houses, Repairing Highways and Bridges, for payment of Debts and Contingent expenses for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote passed at the Annual March meeting of 1883, under Article 19 of the Warrant of said meeting, whereby the Town voted to accept the provisions of the statutes, and that we repair the highways, townways and bridges the ensuing year by choosing three Road Commissioners.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to repair Highways, Townways and Bridges by electing one Highway Surveyor, for each School District.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Collector of Taxes for 1888, to collect interest on all taxes not paid at a specified time, to fix said time, and rate of interest.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will give the Collector of Taxes the same authority that a Town Treasurer has when Collector.

Art. 9. To determine the time when Poll and other Taxes shall be collected.

Art. 10. To act on the list of Jurors reported by the Selectmen.

Art. 11. To see what use the Town will make of the Dog Fund (so called) for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town, the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon.

Art. 14. To see what number the acting Superintending Committee of Schools shall consist, and to see what compensation they shall receive.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Company the sum of eight dollars, each for their services the ensuing year; no member to receive said sum until he has served his full year, ending April 1, 1889, and all fines due said Company be deducted from said amount; the above named sum to be drawn on the order of the Foreman of said Company.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote whereby the Selectmen authorized A. F. Brown to sell the Orison Hewitt property, willed by him for the benefit of the Town Library in 1886.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will authorize some one to sell and convey the Orison Hewitt Place, willed to the Town for the benefit of the Town Library.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector of Taxes to proceed to collect, after Jan. 1, 1889, all taxes remaining unpaid at that time.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of $150.00 to Samuel Sibley Post G. A. R. for charitable purposes under provisions of Chap. 189, Sec. 1, of the Acts and Resolves

of the year 1885.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to award a bounty on all Foxes killed by our own town's people, within the limits of the Town, and how much.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to protect all fishing in the Town of Douglas.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to pay the bill of Burton Goddard against the Town for the board of Samuel Cragin.

ART. 23. To see if the Town, will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the ensuing year, and to issue notes of the Town therefor, and that the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen or Road Commissioners, or the Highway Surveyors, to repair a certain Culvert which passes through the yards of Mrs. William Gardner and McDonald Whipple, in the Village of East Douglas.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Meeting House at Douglas Centre, and at the Tavern House of William Jepherson, so called, in South Douglas, ten days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

The Polls will open at ten o'clock, A.M., and close at 4 o'clock. P.M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

B. W. ALDRICH,
I. S. BALCOME,
S. F. ROOT.
} Selectmen of Douglas.

Appropriations, Mar. 21, 1887.

Grand Army Post, - -	$200 00
High School, - - -	1,000 00
Common Schools, - -	3,000 00
Highways and Bridges, - -	1,500 00
Depot Road, - -	100 00
Support of Poor, - - -	2,500 00
Debt and Interest, - -	1,000 00
Contingent Expenses, - -	800 00
Repairs on School Houses and Purchase of Books,	500 00
State Aid to Soldiers, - -	300 00
Fire King Engine Company, - -	320 00
	$11,220 00

Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen of Douglas submit the following report for the year ending Feburary 29, 1888.

438 orders have been drawn on the Town Treasurer amounting to $14,694.50.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

TOWN CLERK.

T. H. Meek, services.	$40 45
Stationery and postage,	5 43
	$45 88

TREASURER.

Walter E. Jones, salary,	$90 00

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

B. W. Aldrich,	$50 00
I. S. Balcome,	75 00
S. F. Root,	50 00
E. G. Babson,	50 00
T. J. Stringham,	25 00
	$250 00

ASSESSORS.

S. W. Potter,	$59 50

Brigham Morse,	$59 00
E. W. Fitzgerald,	57 50
	$176 00

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS.

Stillman Russell,	$33 33
Rev. James Wells,	33 33
Francisco Bowen,	33 33
	$99 99

CONSTABLES.

E. P. Heath, posting warrants, 1886,	$9 00
Alvin Brown, notifying 43 town officers,	8 60
E. G. Babson, posting warrants,	3 00
	$20 60

TAX COLLECTOR.

Stillman Russell,	$100 00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

M. M. Luther,	$10 00

SEXTON.

Edward Balcome,	$31 00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Caleb Hill, 2 years,	$30 00
T. H. Meek, 1½ years,	15 00
	$45 00

TRUANT OFFICERS.

James Smith, 1885–6,	$5 00
Francisco Bowen,	5 00
Stillman Russell,	5 00
	$15 00

PRINTING.

C. J. Batchellef, town and school reports. -	$62 50
" " blanks for selectmen,	9 25
	$71 75

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid members as per vote, -	$320 00
E. B. Knapp, supplies, - -	28 18
A. F. Jones, coal, - -	4 93
E. P. Heath, care of hall, - -	12 00
	$365 11

DAMAGES.

Hugh McCaffery, loss of horse, -	$50 00
Mrs. Jas. Daley, washout July, 1887, -	10 00
	$60 00

LOCK-UP.

E. H. Leaver, tramps and crackers, -	$55 65
A. F. Jones, whitewashing, -	2 50
Joseph Bowen, filing saw, - -	1 25
B. W. Aldrich, supplies and wood, -	20 16
L. Taft, repairs on chimney, - -	2 50
E. N. Jencks, wood, - -	2 50
S. F. Root, supplies. - -	8 47
	$93 03

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. F. Jones, coal for selectmens' room, -	$2 15
Caleb Hill, housing road scraper, -	4 00
T. T. Potter, cleaning town hall, -	2 00
J. C. Morrill, for gravel pit, - -	25 00
G. A. R. appropriation, - -	200 00
Balance on safe exchanged, - -	175 00
Wm. Abbott, services legalizing town meeting,	10 00
" " settling fire damages. -	5 00
" " recording deed, - -	60

Valorus Taft, services,	$10 00
Assessors' books,	3 70
Account book,	75
Stationery and postage,	2 33
W. E. Jones, check book and stationery,	3 79
Costs in suit of Prudence Fitts,	58 54
A. F. Brown, measuring Gilboa bridge,	1 00
" " selling wood on town farm,	2 00
E. B. Knapp, stone post for gravel pit,	3 00
Francisco Bowen, census school children,	75
	$509 61

GUIDE BOARDS.

David L. Thomas, painting,	$14 00
Paid for bolts and irons,	2 75
Joseph Bowen for work,	6 75
	$23 50

IMPROVEMENTS AT ALMSHOUSE.

B. Stockwell, labor,	$95 05
D. L. Thomas, painting,	35 40
Geo. F. Gleason, irons,	75
I. S. Balcome, oil and paints,	6 70
W. R. Wallis, lumber,	96 33
Joseph Bowen, repairing blinds,	1 25
" " work on bath tub,	3 25
W. E. Jones, hardware,	23 32
V. M. Aldrich, sundries,	40 07
E. N. Jencks, lead and oil,	21 50
	$323 62

MILITARY AID.

(Chap. 252.)

Sylvester Chase,	$24 00
Charles F. Balcome,	32 00
George Leach,	48 00
	$104 00

MILITARY AID.

(Chap. 301.)

Arena E. Chapman,	$48 00
Lucina P. Sibley,	48 00
Wellington Balcome,	72 00
Theron H. Barton,	48 00
Dorris B. Young,	48 00
Henry C. Lamson,	72 00
Samuel Cragin,	36 00
Wellington H. Dore,	48 00
Charles Walls,	8 00
	$428 00

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Suel Logee,	$1294 93
N. S. Caswell,	1038 67
Wm. S. Jillson,	277 73
	$2611 33

SNOW ROADS.

Henry Chase, 1886,	$12 39
Jesse Chase, 1886,	15 81
Wellington Young, 1886,	1 35
E. G. Paine, 1886,	6 45
Suel Logee, 1886,	26 96
W. S. Jillson, 1886,	28 35
	$91 31

BRIDGES.

W. J. H. Dudley, stone bridge on Providence road,	$103 00
V. M. Aldrich, supplies,	2 19
W. R. Wallis, lumber,	40 43
A. F. Jones, plank,	6 87
O. F. Chase & Co., plank,	11 30
	$163 79

HIGHWAYS.

V. M. Aldrich, tools, repairs, etc., -	$8 16
French & Co., 2 sections and point for road scraper,	11 00
John Chollar, loam, - -	6 30
Geo. A. Gleason, sharpeniag tools, -	2 08
B. Goddard, 360 loads of gravel, -	21 60
W. E. Jones, supplies. - -	6 87
	$56 01

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

L. Travis, sawing wood, - -	$3 50
W. L. Church, wood,- - -	22 50
J. A. Place, sawing wood, - -	3 50
O. B. Young, repairs on organ, Dist. No. 9,	10 00
Stillman Russell, repairs chimney, Dist. No. 6,	8 00
" " four clocks, - -	16 75
" " paint and oil, -	14 20
A. J. Thayer, wood, - - -	3 00
Potter Bates, wood and sawing, -	15 25
C. Thompson, wood, - - -	33 00
C. J. Batcheller, supplies, - -	16 50
Joseph Bowen, supplies and repairs, - -	22 20
A. E. Chapman, wood, - -	11 00
A. F. Jones, coal, - - -	72 32
Joel Taft, wood, - -	2 00
Thomas Buxton, Admr., painting school-house, Dist. No. 1, in 1886, - - -	11 50
Francisco Bowen, cutting wood, -	1 50
Joseph Bowen, repairs, - -	14 65
W. S. Jillson, sawing wood, - -	2 00
Elijah Bigelow, wood and sawing, - -	2 25
Stillman Russell, supplies, - -	228 94
	$514 56

RENTS AND INSURANCE.

Albert Butler, Citizens hall, - -	$100 00
Abbott & Batcheller, hall for graduating class,	10 00
Ira Wallis, rent of organ, - -	12 00
A. J. Thayer, insurance, - -	9 60
	$131 60

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Stillman Russell, for books, - -	$398 76
" " purchasing agent -	25 00
	$423 76
Care of school rooms, - -	140 80

IMPROVEMENTS, SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Byron Stockwell, wood-shed, Dist. No. 10, -	$61 55
W. E. Cook, painting school house, -	8 63
Stillman Russell, permanent repairs, -	43 93
	$114 11

SCHOOL TEACHERS.

M. A. Bowman, - - -	$260 00
Dora S. Russell, - -	253 00
Patience Breck, - - -	330 00
Eunice F. Brown, - -	88 00
Jennie L. Parker, - - -	154 00
Alice Neil, - - -	88 00
Ida M. Johnson, - - -	253 00
Emma J. Paine, - -	231 00
Ada E. Brown, - -	231 00
May F. Kimball, - -	231 00
Kate R. Sibley, - - -	297 00
Roxy A. Dawley, - -	231 00
Minnie F. Darling, - - -	224 00
Ella M. Parker, - -	231 00
Evelyn Smith, - - -	154 00
Emma J. Willis, - -	154 00
Walter O. Cartwright, - -	460 00
	$3870 00

ALMSHOUSE.

Geo. Parker, balance salary, - -	$100 00
W. R. Wallis, meal, 1886, - -	192 14
" " " 1887, - -	43 10
V. M. Aldrich, supplies, - -	59 12
A. J. Thayer, meal and grain, - -	52 16

E. N. Jencks, supplies, - -	$120 85
Geo. Parker, on account, salary, - -	250 00
	$817 37

MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.

Levi White, M. D., at almshouse, - -	$11 75
S. P. Holbrook, M. D., outside service, -	4 00
	$15 75

JOSEPH BOWEN FOR COFFINS.

Milton Streeter, coffin and robe, - -	$11 00
Ellis Everett, " " -	11 00
	$22 00

OUTSIDE POOR.

Mrs. Frank Casey, - - -	$235 17
Evelyn Sprague. - -	116 63
Hector Peow, - - -	176 98
Mary Hughes, - -	39 00
Mrs. Joggerson and son, - -	48 00
Mrs. Rosanna Conelly, - -	84 22
Mrs. James McCormick, - -	125 00
Fannie J. Balcome, - -	11 00
Samuel Landry, coffin, - -	4 00
Caroline Johnson, - -	52 00
Hiram Johnson, - - -	30 50
Mrs. Michael Martin, - -	186 00
Wm. Jones and wife, - -	58 25
Sylvia Wakefield, - -	48 00
Julius Gould for aid in 1885. - -	13 00
Julius Gould, - -	156 00
Helen M. Buxton, - - -	201 53
Esther Lovely, on account, 1886, -	50 22
Milton Streeter, " " - -	21 59
George Casey, - -	97 43
Charles Walls and wife, - -	46 40
Charles Walls' children, - -	92 00
Peter Hughes, - - -	40 50

Eugene Gazette,	$9 00
Mrs. Traverse,	85 00
Anthony Ladoux,	194 00
Mrs. Goodboo,	102 00
Willard Taft,	139 54
Joseph Morse, medical attendance,	7 25
Town of Uxbridge, Mrs. Wilcox,	68 30
" Webster, A. Davis,	19 50
" Sutton, Balcome children,	52 00
City of Chelsea, Gardner Nickerson,	11 85
	$2620 86

STATE PAUPERS.

Charles Gravelin,	$88 00
Mrs. Philip Bebo,	31 84
Mrs. Joseph Bean,	28 00
Henry Plant,	59 12
Geo. Morse,	9 45
Francis Gobin,	17 00
Mitchell Santo,	4 75
	$238 16

RECAPITULATION.

Miscellaneous expenses,	$2330 09
Military aid, Chap. 252,	104 00
" " 301,	428 00
Highways, bridges and snow roads,	2922 44
Schools and supplies,	5194 83
Almshouse expenses,	855 12
Outside poor,	2621 86
State paupers,	238 16
	$14,694 50

B. W. ALDRICH,
I. S. BALCOME,
E. G. BABSON,
S. F. ROOT,
} Selectmen of Douglas.

GEO. P. B. CLARKE, Auditor.

Report of the Treasurer.

The Selectmen further report they have settled with the Treasurer, and his account stands as follows ;

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

1887.			Dr
March	1.	Cash on hand as per last report	$2198 98
"	18.	Chas. Caswell, Collector, 1 poll tax,	2 00
"	28.	State Treasurer, Support State Paupers,	39 32
Apr.	29.	Whitinsville Bank, loan, @ 4%,	4000 00
May	28.	State Treasurer, burial state paupers,	16 00
July	2.	Note to I. S. Balcome,	2000 00
"	7.	Town of Uxbridge,	40 00
"	7.	John Rawson, auctioneer's license,	2 00
Aug.	5.	Stillman Russell, druggist's license,	1 00
"	13.	John F. Smith, druggist's license,	1 00
"	22.	N. Y. & N. E. R. R., fire damages, 1883	15 00
"	22.	" " " " 1886	100 00
"	29.	Received from estate of Chas. Walls,	27 11
"	30.	" " " Fanny J. Balcome,	24 35
Sept.	26.	A. F. Brown, auctioneer's license	2 00
"	29.	E. H. Moorse, auctioneer's license.	2 00
Oct.	6.	Frank Young, use of lock up,	50
Dec.	16.	Walter Cook, auctioneer's license,	2 00
"	20.	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	131 29
"	20.	" " national bank tax,	149 16
"	20.	" " state aid, Chap. 252,	138 00
"	20.	" " " " 301,	412 00

1888.			
Jan.	2.	I. S. Balcome, renewal of note on demand	$2000 00
"	28.	State Treasurer, support of state paupers	23 84
"	28.	" " temporary support paupers,	28 00
"	28.	" " burial state paupers,	15 00
"	28.	" " income of school fund,	177 69
Feb.	4.	John M. Rawson, sale of wood and timber	157 50
"	29.	Town of Uxbridge,	42 29
"	29.	Miss Edna Houghton, tuition,	18 00
"	29.	Miss F. M. Hodgdon, "	6 00
"	29.	Miss E. M. Clark, "	6 00
"	29.	Walter Brown, "	3 00
"	29.	Interest on taxes,	4 02
"	29.	Stillman Russell, collector of taxes,	13,520 88
			$25,305 93

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

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1887.			
March	7.	Inhabitants Douglas, tax, 4 deeds and recording,	$78 04
March	7.	James M. Luke, interest on note 2 years,	36 00
"	21.	Order of abatement to V. Esten,	2 00
"	22.	Henry D. Wallis, interest on note,	36 00
"	23.	M. H. Bowman	60 00
"	23.	N. H. Jones,	33 33
May	12.	Clara R. Lawton, interest on note,	72 50
"	12.	M. M. Luther, interest on note,	10 00
June	3.	Mary Walker, interest on note,	17 66
"	3.	Sarah Richardson, interest on note,	31 63
Aug.	18.	James W. Stockwell, collector,	5 84
Oct.	28.	Retus Walling, interest on note,	65 70
Nov.	1.	Suel Logee, interest on note,	120 00
"	1.	Whitinsville Bank note,	4000 00
"	1.	Whitinsville Bank, interest on note,	81 33
"	1.	Town of Northbridge, tax,	2 42
"	25.	Inhabitants Douglas, tax,	2 69
Dec.	20.	State Treasurer, state tax.	1282 50
1888.			
Jan.	2.	Henry Walker, 6 months interest to Sept. 22,	18 00
"	2.	I. S. Balcome, interest on note.	60 00
"	2.	I. S. Balcome, note,	2000 00

Feb.	12.	State Treasurer, ¼ licenses, druggist,	$	50
"	22.	W. E. Jones, Treasurer Public Library,	195	00
"	29.	County tax, paid by collector,	762	00
"	29.	Inhabitants of Douglas, tax,	15	86
"	29.	Discount on taxes,	33	73
"	29.	Order of abatements,	109	08
"	29.	438 orders from selectmen,	14,694	50
"	29.	Cash on hand,	1479	62
			$25,305	93

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. JONES, Town Treasurer.

GEO. P. B. CLARKE, Auditor.

Assets and Liabilities.

ASSETS.

Due from State, Military Aid, [Chap. 252]	$52 00
" " " [Chap. 301]	428 00
" Support State Paupers,	186 95
Town of Webster,	20 50
New school books on hand,	122 29
Plank etc. for bridges on hand,	7 50
Road tools on hand,	25 00
Road Machine,	150 00
Safe, in selectmens room,	200 00
Fire Engine and hose,	700 00
Engine Building,	900 00
Lockup and School property,	5000 00
Almshouse Establishment,	3000 00
Personal Property at Almshouse,	1465 29
Cash on hand,	1479 62
	$13,737 15
Liabilities Deducted,	12,341 41
Total Assets above Liabilities,	$1,395 74

LIABILITIES.

Note to Mary Walker, - -	$353 21
Retus Walling, - -	1,095 00
Henry D. Wallis, - -	600 00
Albert Butler, - -	700 00
Sarah Richardson, - -	632 68
M. M. Luther, - -	200 00

Note to Clara R. Lawton,	- -	$1450 00
Edwin Moore, 3 notes,	-	2500 00
James M. Luke,	- -	300 00
Suel Logee,	- -	2000 00
Isaac Balcome,	- -	2000 00
Accrued interest on above notes to March 1,		354 52
Due town of Attleboro for aid rendered to Helen Buxton		156 00
		$12,341 41

Annual Report

OF THE

Overseers of the Poor,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1888.

GEORGE PARKER, Superintendent.

Dr.

Personal property as per inventory taken by the Board of Overseers of 1886 upon the 1st day of March, 1887. Sum total,	$2026 68

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Personal property as per inventory taken by the present Board of Overseers upon the 1st day of March, 1888. Sum total,	$1465 29

We have caused the inventory of personal property for the years 1887 and 1888 to be printed in order that the voters may see wherein the shrinkage of same consists.

We have paid out on account of Poor Farm as follows :

Salary of Geo. Parker as superintendent,	$350 00
W. R. Wallis, for grain,	43 10
A. J. Thayer, for grain,	52 16
E. N. Jencks, supplies,	120 85
V. M. Aldrich, supplies	59 12
	$625 22

Whole number of weeks board of paupers at almshouse,	189
Cost of supporting paupers per week,	$3.31
We have also paid W. R. Wallis a bill for grain and lumber, all of which was furnished previous to March 1, 1887, to the amount of	$192 14

I. S. BALCOME,
B. W. ALDRICH,
E. G. BABSON,
} Overseers of Poor.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMS-HOUSE.

	March 1, 1887.	March 1, 1888.
Corn,	$4 60	$1 95
Hay,	120 00	198 00
Rye,	10 00	3 00
Straw,	18 00	
Ladder Hook,	1 00	75
2 Corn Cutters,	1 00	50
1 set balances,	3 00	3 00
Shovels,	4 50	3 50
2 potato hooks,	1 50	1 50
1 dung hook,	75	75
Hoes,	1 50	1 50
2 picks,	50	50
Monkey wrench,	75	75
6 pitchforks,	3 00	2 00
4 ladders,	6 00	6 00
1 hay cutter,	5 00	5 00
Ox yokes,	14 00	10 00
Rake,	2 00	
Bar posts,	4 50	
1 wheel barrow,	5 00	3 00
Axes,	2 75	1 50
Wood saws,	2 00	1 00
Baskets,	1 00	50
Barrels cider,	8 00	8 00
Wash tubs,	1 00	1 75
Pork,	48 00	27 00

	March 1, 1887.	March 1, 1888.
Hams,	$2 00	$7 50
Apples,	75	
Washing machine,	10 00	5 00
Ashes,	3 00	3 00
Soap,	4 00	3 50
Potatoes,	75 00	55 00
Keg and faucet,	75	75
Vinegar,	12 00	10 00
Kegs,	1 00	
Pork barrels,	2 00	2 00
Jars,	2 00	1 50
Pickles,	1 00	
Fowls,	35 00	37 50
Curry combs,	1 00	50
Beans,	3 00	3 00
Oxen,	120 00	
Cows,	145 00	150 00
Hogs,	54 38	20 00
Cider,	6 60	
Pigs,	54 50	
Stoves,	37 75	47 00
Churns,	5 00	4 00
Wash boiler,	75	75
Chest of drawers,	1 00	1 00
High chair,	25	25
Bed pan,	1 00	1 00
Clothes line,	50	50
Rocker,	3 25	2 00
2 bureaus,	8 00	8 00
Lard,	1 40	4 50
Chests,	8 00	10 00
Brooms,	1 50	1 50
Dried apple,	3 50	50
Milk pails,	1 00	1 00
Oil can,	1 00	50
Water pails,	35	50
Wooden bowl,	1 00	1 00
Clocks,	2 00	3 00
Mirror,	75	75
Lamps,	25	50
Stands,	50	50
Chairs,	6 00	6 65

	March 1, 1887.	March 1, 1888.
Dust pan,	$ 25	$ 10
Screen doors,	15 00	12 00
Shackle irons,	6 00	6 00
Handcuffs,	2 00	2 00
Tables,	7 75	7 00
Lantern,	1 00	50
Bell.	1 50	1 50
Cupboard,	3 00	3 00
4 Clothes closets,	20 00	
Eggs,	80	66
Sugar,	1 50	2 00
Oil table covers,	2 20	2 50
Rafrigerator,	13 50	10 00
Force pump,	1 50	50
Steelyards,	50	50
Tin pails,	1 80	1 50
Tin dippers,	25	25
Wash basins,	50	25
Tunnels,	75	25
Spider,	35	35
Handsaw,	1 00	50
Wash pan,	50	50
Wood box,	35	25
Flour,	3 25	7 75
Meal.	3 30	30
Butter,	10 00	10 00
Crackers,	1 25	75
W. W. brush,	3 50	75
Clothes frame,	1 50	1 50
Clothes baskets,	50	50
Slop pails,	1 30	50
Copper boilers,	8 40	2 50
Iron pots,	3 70	3 00
Milk pans,	8 00	6 00
Jugs,	40	90
Dish pan,	50	
Shears,	1 00	20
Chopping knife,	30	25
Coffee pot,	40	30
Coffee,	40	
Washer,	7 00	
Wringer,	6 00	

	March 1, 1887.	March 1, 1888.
Mops,	$ 15	$ 45
Quart can,	10	10
Sad irons,	1 50	75
Oil,	30	
Ironing board,	50	50
Wash board,	50	25
Crockery,	18 00	15 00
Glassware,	3 25	1 00
Bedding and beds,	90 00	106 00
Bedsteads,	15 00	20 00
Sick chair,	50	50
2 black shawls,	3 00	3 00
Horse blankets,	1 50	1 00
Circingle,	50	
Halter,	50	25
Stone puller,	20 00	5 00
Hen box,	2 50	2 00
Measures,	1 00	1 00
Chains,	4 00	5 00
Window frames,	50	
Water pots,	3 00	1 00
Grind stone,	4 00	3 00
Meal chest,	2 00	2 00
Ox muzzles,	40	25
Hammer,	85	85
Salt,	30	50
Wagon jack,	1 50	1 50
Horse,	100 00	75 00
Harnesses,	42 00	12 50
Road scraper,	75 00	10 00
Teacles,	3 00	3 00
Iron bars,	2 00	2 00
Drawl,	5 00	
Stone drag,	4 00	3 00
Ox cart,	35 00	35 00
Road scraper,	3 00	3 00
Ox wagon,	30 00	45 00
Ox sleds,	10 00	10 00
Horse sled,	8 00	8 00
Express wagon,	60 00	30 00
Pung,	10 00	10 00
Plows,	35 00	25 00

	March 1, 1887.	March 1, 1888.
Cultivators,	$14 00	$8 00
Scythe and snath,	5 00	3 00
Drag rakes,	1 80	1 00
Old iron,	3 00	3 00
Mowing machine,	60 00	50 00
Horse rake,	29 00	20 00
Shingles,	4 25	4 00
Stone hammer,	1 00	1 00
Whiffletree,	1 50	1 50
Lumber,	15 00	5 00
Wood,	75 00	75 00
Oil-cloth and carpet,	2 55	22 00
Curtains,	2 70	
Manure,	110 00	
Fine feed,		2 25
Oats,		1 00
Manure forks,		2 25
Tallow,		2 00
1 half hogshead,		50
Turnips,		75
Sausage cutter,		2 00
1 lounge,		4 00
3 trunks,		3 00
Candle mould,	50	50
2 sickles,		50
20 flour barrels,		2 00
3 meal bags,		60
Error in footings, 1887,	74 25	
Cash on hand,		46 63
	$2026 68	$1465 29

REPORT

OF

AARON F. JONES, AGENT

ON THE DEVISE OF MOSES WALLIS

TO THE

TOWN OF DOUGLAS.

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1888.

The Agent charges himself with cash and notes, as follows:

1887.			
March 1.	Notes due the town.	$14,900	00
	Accrued interest,	842	74
	Cash in hands of Agent,	376	57
		$16,119	31

Mar.	5.	Received interest on S. H. Starr note,	$6	00
"	14.	Interest on Aaron Aldrich, "	30	00
Apr.	11.	" Alfred & Mary Reynolds note,	19	50
"	15.	" Allen Buxton note,	6	00
"	23.	" Horace Batcheller "	15	00
"	23.	" Ira T. Robbins "	10	00
"	26.	" Horace Batcheller "	13	02
"	30,	" Mitchel Auger "	18	00
"	30,	" John Labeau, "	12	00

May	3.	Interest on Amos A. Humes	note,	$21 00
"	5.	" Ira T. Robbins	"	5 00
June	11.	" James McCormick	"	10 00
"	14.	" Chandler Titus	"	8 10
"	23.	" Philamen Mercier	"	30 00
July	2.	" Michael Roberts	"	30 00
"	9.	" Joseph Labean	"	15 00
"	18.	" Isaac Desotelle	"	15 00
"	19.	Received of Mary E. Arnold, note and interest,		64 57
"	21.	Interest on James McCormick	note,	5 00
Aug.	5.	" O. N. Thurber	"	14 00
"	8.	" Thos. M. Remington	"	12 00
"	8.	" Wm. M. Putnam	"	25 50
"	8.	" Julius & Matilda Rivers	note,	24 00
"	11.	" Chas. F. Rawson	note,	12 00
"	14.	Received of Philamen Mercier, note and interest,		504 68
"	15.	Interest on Margaret Stearnes	note,	18 00
"	20.	" Rufus P. Johnson	"	72 00
"	23.	" Phoebe E. Johnson	"	19 98
"	29.	" Potter M. Bates	"	9 00
"	30.	" Mary A. Hilton	"	19 50
Sept.	10.	" Mary J. Willis	"	30 00
"	24.	" Vesta H. Balcome	"	12 00
"	28.	Received of Horace Batcheller, note and interest,		223 58
Oct.	1.	Interest on Dennis Quinn	note,	21 00
"	16.	" Amos G. Yates	"	9 00
"	22.	" Louisa Jarvis	"	6 00
"	22.	" Peter Jarvis	"	12 00
"	22.	" T. H. Barton	"	12 00
Nov.	21.	" Chandler Titus	"	20 40
"	25.	" Abbie Thayer	"	18 00
Dec.	19.	" Vesta H. Balcome	"	12 00
"	26.	" S. P. Rawson	"	30 00
1888.				
Jan.	9.	Received of Horace Batcheller note and interest,		261 25
"	30.	Interest on Selina Casey	note.	21 00
"	31.	" Joel Glover	"	12 00
Feby.	11.	" R. M. Peters	"	15 00
"	11.	" Charles H. Hilton,	"	12 00
"	13.	" Alfred & Mary Reynolds	note.	19 50

Feby.	13.	Interest on O. N. Thurber note,	$9 00
"	18.	" I. T. Robbins "	12 00
"	18.	" James McCormick "	3 00
"	22.	" S. P. Rawson "	30 00
"	27.	" Alvin H. Brown "	60 00
"	27.	" John M. Putnam "	7 50
"	28.	Received of Rebecca Morse, note and interest,	324 25
"	29.	Interest on Mary J. Murphy note	30 00
"	29.	" Phoebe Young "	20 00
"	29.	" James Wixtead "	6 00
			$2312 33

The Agent has loaned and paid out as follows :

1887.			
Mar.	11.	Loaned Caleb Hill	$100 00
"	15.	Paid Brigham Morse, Appraiser,	2 00
"	15.	" Orrin Chase, "	2 00
"	15.	" Recording mortgage,	1 10
May	22.	Suel Logee, Agent,	10 00
July	19.	Discharging mortgage,	25
"	30.	Loaned Joseph T. Arnold,	400 00
Aug.	1.	Discharging and recording,	1 35
"	22.	Tax on Devise,	179 67
Sept.	17.	Recording mortgage,	1 10
Nov.	8.	Loaned Chas. S. Caswell,	300 00
"	8.	Recording mortgage,	1 10
Dec.	12.	Loaned Horace Batcheller,	200 00
"	12.	Recording mortgage,	1 10
"	24.	Loaned Joseph St.Andrew,	400 00
"	24.	Recording mortgage,	1 10
1888.			
Jan.	24.	Discharging mortgages,	50
Feby.	21.	Loaned John Vallier,	300 00
"	21.	Recording mortgage,	1 10
"	28.	E. H. Morse, Appraiser,	5 00
"	28.	Orrin Chase, "	7 00
"	28.	Loaned Rebecca Morse,	500 00
"	28.	Lischarging and recording,	1 35
"	28.	Making and recording discharge,	50
"	28.	Agent for services,	60 00
			$2476 22

NOTES DUE THE TOWN MAR. 1, 1888.

Date of Note.	Name.	Accrued Ict.	Prin.
July 30, 1887.	Joseph T. Arnold,	$14 00	$400 00
Nov. 8, 1887.	Chas. S. Caswell,	5 60	300 00
Dec. 12, 1887.	Horace Batcheller,	2 60	200 00
Feb. 28, 1888.	Rebecca Morse,	08	500 00
Dec 24, 1887.	Joseph StAndrew,	4 40	400 00
Feb. 21, 1888.	John Valier,	45	300 00
Mar 11, 1887.	Caleb Hill,	5 85	100 00
July 1, 1876.	Alvin H. Brown,	20 00	500 00
Nov. 23, 1859.	Adolphus F. Brown,	68 08	500 00
Dec. 4, 1866.	Thomas Wixtead, paid by James Wixtead,	26 86	200 00
Apr. 24, 1869.	Orrin N. Thurber paid by Eliza Williams,	15 30	300 00
May 18, 1857.	Ira T. Robbins, paid by Frank McCormick	1 50	150 00
July 7, 1875.	James McCormick,	48 50	350 00
Mar. 1. 1867.	John M. Putuam,	6 37	125 00
Dec. 2, 1854.	Joel Glover, paid by Sarah Dufo,	2 93	200 00
Feb. 20, 1869.	Simon P. Rawson, paid by John M. Rawson,	30 83	500 00
Apr. 21, 1870.	James Wixtead, paid by John Fitzgarald,	16 30	200 00
Apr. 22, 1880.	Phebe Young,	45 67	500 00
June 14, 1876.	Isaac Desotelle, paid by Frank Duval,	10 67	250 00
Apr. 12, 1877.	Amos A. Humes, paid by Martin and Geer,	19 78	350 00
May 3, 1875.	T. H. Barton, paid by Louise Jarvis,	9 56	200 00
Apr. 1, 1871.	Margaret Stearnes,	16 50	300 00
Mar. 26, 1870.	Rufus P. Johnson,	22 27	400 00
Apr. 16, 1886.	Peter Jarvis,	10 46	200 00
July 22, 1881.	Mary J. Willis,	18 17	500 00
Oct. 19, 1874.	Chandler Titus,	6 01	135 00
July 23, 1879.	Louise Jarvis,	6 62	100 00
July 7, 1879.	Michael Roberts,	19 42	500 00
Oct. 1, 1883.	Dennis Quinn,	8 75	350 00
May 8, 1872.	William M. Putnam,	20 68	425 00
Apr. 22, 1882.	Mitchel Auger,	15 40	300 00
May 25, 1885.	Mary A. Hilton,	14 89	325 00

June 17, 1869.	Chandler Titus,	$7 53	$340 00
Aug. 6, 1883.	Thomas M. Remington,	6 80	200 00
June 26, 1882.	Mary J. Murphy,	20 33	500 00
Apr. 19, 1880.	Phebe E. Johnson,	22 25	333 00
Mar. 24, 1885.	Allen Buxton,	5 60	100 00
Apr. 30. 1885.	John Labeau,	10 00	200 00
Feb. 25, 1887.	John Fitzgarald,	6 08	100 00
June 4, 1883.	Joseph Labeau,	11 08	250 00
Nov. 29, 1886.	Abbie Thayer,	4 55	300 00
Aug. 19, 1878.	Russell M. Peters	7 95	250 00
Oct. 24, 1874.	Lovell Southwick,	18 47	175 00
May 21, 1868.	Chas. F. Rawson,	9 30	200 00
Nov. 27, 1886.	Selina Casey,	5 43	350 00
May 1, 1878.	Julius and Matilda Rivers,	20 00	400 00
May 27, 1879.	Mary Briggs,	21 10	200 00
June 4, 1886.	Amos G. Yates,	6 65	150 00
Oct. 16, 1867.	Potter M. Bates,	3 35	150 00
Sept. 5, 1883.	Vesta H. Balcome,	11 66	400 00
Mar. 5, 1881.	S. H. Starr,	5 92	100 00
Feb. 15, 1886.	Alfred and Mary Reynolds,	81	325 00
Feb. 18, 1886.	Chas. H. Hilton,	40	200 00
Feb. 10. 1885.	Aaron Aldrich,	31 67	500 00
		$751 43	$15,783 00

Notes due the Town March 1, 1888.	$15,783 00
Accrued interest, - -	751 43
Cash in hands of Agent, - -	212 68
Value of Devise March 1, 1888, -	$16,747 11
Net gain for the year, - -	627 80

Respectfully submitted,

AARON F. JONES, Agent.

GEO. P. B. CLARKE, Auditor.

REPORT

OF THE

Treasurer of Free Public Library.

1887.			Dr.
Mar.	1.	Cash in hand of Treasurer,	$286 29
June.	1.	Sales of catalogues and fines,	2 26
Sept.	5.	" " "	2 06
Dec.	5.	" " "	4 48
1888.			
Feb.	22.	Town Treasurer Dog Fund,	195 00
Mar.	1.	Sales of catalogues and fines,	4 21
			$494 30

Cr.

1887.			
Mar.	29.	Expense cleaning library,	$ 75
Apr.	23.	For books by Agent,	7 50
May	1.	" "	4 75
"	18.	" Estes and Lauriat,	88 28
June.	1.	" J. F. Smith,	5 00
"	"	Catalogueing, printing by-laws and numbering,	1 00
"	"	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, Librarian,	9 38
July	14.	A. M. Bridgman & Co. for books,	5 00
"	23.	Chas. Batcheller binding books,	17 40

Sept.	1.	Postage, Stationary, etc.,	$1 00
"	6.	Mrs. A. L. Buffiington, Librarian,	9 38
Oct.	3.	Express on books,	95
Nov.	1.	For books and express on same,	11 35
Dec.	5.	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, Librarian,	9 38
1888.			
Feb.	9.	A. F. Jones for wood,	1 75
Mar.	1.	Housing wood,	25
"	1.	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, Librarian,	9 38
"	1.	Cash in Treasury,	311 80
			$494 30

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

Town Clerk's Report.

BIRTHS.

Whole Number,		30
males,	18	
females,	12—	30
foreign parentage,	15	
mixed "	12	
American "	3—	30

MARRIAGES.

Whole number,		22
Foreign birth,		14
American birth,		30
Resident in Douglas,	27	
" elsewhere,	17—	44
First marriage,	38	
Second "	6—	44

DEATHS.

Whole number,		49
males,	28	
females,	21—	49
foreign birth,	7	
American "	42—	49
Number under 1 year,		11
" between 70 and 93,		10

DOGS REGISTERED.

Number registered,	-	-	122
Males, - - -	199		
Females, - - -	3—		122

T. H. MEEK, Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Whatever amount has been used above the Appropriation has been done with the consent of the Selectmen.

Have paid Mr. Rixford for 4 horses and one man to work Road machine, $10 per day.

For double team, pair horses and man,	$3 50	per day.
Single team one horse and man,	2 75	"
One man, - -	1 50	"
One boy, - - -	75	"
Commissioners, - -	2 00	"
Paid E. T. Thayer for man and large coal cart with two horses, -	4 00	"
Paid W. Wellman for large coal cart with two horses. - -	4 00	"

EXPENSES ITEMIZED.

REPORT OF SUEL LOGEE.

Will Rixford on road machine.	$108 00
Carting gravel,	3 40
A. J. Thayer, ox team and man,	58 20
A. J. Thayer, horse and cart @ 1.25	8 75
Jos. Thompson, team,	18 63
L. Taft, team,	$1 93
Chandle Titus, team,	10 75
Gravel for road,	5 00
E. T. Thayer and team	14 80
Asahel Fitts, dbl. team	19 25
A. F. Jones, team,	60 43
B. Aldrich, dbl. team	14 35
W. Wellman, dbl. team,	16 40

R. Darling, dbl team,	$41 96
G. Manahan, team,	1 75
Filling yard Mrs. Williard Taft,	6 00
J. M. Rawson, ox team,	9 73
P. M. Bates, ox team,	6 60
C. F. Rawson and boy	3 45
Caleb Hill,	37 53
Michael McNally	2 25
Hiram Smith,	23 48
Elbridge Paine,	12 12
Louis LaFon,	1 05
Oscar Rawson,	1 05
Charles Geer,	1 95
James Wixtead,	25 40
Team of James Wixtead	5 63
Oliver Quivillion,	9 75
Louis Seymour,	3 45
Welington Young, team,	4 00
Miles Woodman,	1 45
H. N. Logee,	4 50
William Clarke, team	5 40
L. Stockwell, dbl. team,	2 00
Geo. Belding,	75
David Keith,	1 50
Frenchman,	1 50
Charles Blue,	9 30
L. Hannant,	9 00
Robert Hannant	12 95
1 old Axe.	50
Frank Chase,	7 90
Joseph Arnold,	20 70
Charley,	10 20
Henry Howard,	13 20
Joseph Stone,	20 25
Henry Josh,	1 50
Oliver Emerson,	11 70
Wm. Gazette,	7 20
Clark Stearnes,	$14 70
George Casey,	9 75
Greenleaf Brown.	1 50
Stephen Taylor,	3 00
L. Traverse,	75
Luther Hill,	3 68
W. D. Jones. team,	15 00
Nelson Emmons,	22 20
David A. Wallis, team,	26 32
George Brown,	27 45
H. D. Walker	9 75
Pliney Richardson,	3 00
E. Young,	1 05
Jesse Chase, ox team,	24 99
Suel Chase,	7 35
Henry Chase,	4 50
A. Chase,	6 00
E. Chase,	5 85
Myron Chase,	7 35
A. E. Chapman,	1 35
O. F. Chase, running scraper and horses	20 35
E. Bigelow, gravel,	3 00
Mr. Man.	2 50
Willard Whipple,	13 84
Suel Logee, services,	172 60
" " " team,	12 00
Paid Wm. Jillson	200 00
	$1298 37

Cr.

By old bridge, $2 00	
48 ft. piank, 1 44–	3 44
	$1294 93

250 feet yellow pine plank on hand.

☞About one half the above expenditure was made under the combined direction of W. S. Jillson and S. Logee.

Report of W. S. Jillson.

E. H. Dudley,	$3 30	P. A. Dudley,	$26 55

W. H. Brown,	$22	32
John Robbins,	12	00
Charles Balcome,	5	25
For dynamite,	3	00
Sharpening drills,		30
Wellington Balcome	14	51
Fred Wallis,	6	75
H. D. Wallis,	23	00
G. M. Wallis,	5	25
Silas Dudley, oxen,	6	30
David Keith,	1	80
W. B. Moray,	4	50
J. A. Richardaon, dbl. team,	10	50
H. A. Dudley, team,	7	00
Felix Lamay,	5	70
Edward Balcome,	10	50
David Caswell,	4	50
Chandler Titus, team,	2	75
G. H. Brown, team,	6	55
J. Flagg,		75
David Richardson,	1	65
Harley Brown,	6	60
Perry Bryant,	1	50
John Blake,	$4	10
E. C. Parker,	4	50
W. J. H. Dudley, spikes,	1	66
Posts and polls,	2	50
Jesse B. Thompson,		75
Harley Baker,	15	45
Gravel,	6	00
E. C. Chatman, team,	7	08
John Caswell, team,	32	38
John Hilton, for stone bridge on Prov. Pike,	103	00
W. H. Parker, plank,	21	29
Sleepers,	9	00
W. H. Parker, dbl. team,	11	24
G. Parker,	8	25
Retus Walling,	10	80
W. S. Jillson 57½ days	115	00
Team, 28 days,	35	00
Snow bill in 1886-87,	28	35
	$609	08
Received of S. Logee,	200	00
	$409	08

Report of N. S. Caswell.

N. S. Caswell,	$161	25
2 teams,	148	00
Dbl. team,	2	70
W. S. Reynolds,	89	70
W. Littlefield,	39	00
H. Smith,	6	66
John Littlefield,	18	00
B. Casey,	6	75
Geo. Casey,	15	45
F. Allen, team,	45	13
Jos. Stay,	5	40
J. Rawson, ox team,	10	00
John Hughes,	15	75
Ed. Wixtead,	6	75
D. Jerman,	2	47
O. Quivillion,	$ 8	70
R. Darling, team,	6	30
M. Woodman,	41	55
J. Wixtead,	2	25
C. Hill,	7	50
O. King,	6	45
W. Gazette,	15	00
G. Manahan, team.	15	13
Jos. Forn,	9	00
G. Gapane, team,	9	00
French Boy,	12	00
R. Darling, team,	31	08
W. Paine,	1	00
J. Muredd,	2	25
O. Chase, team,	47	88

Fenis Laporson,	$ 1	35	L. Stockwell, team,	$ 40	09
Eli Carbery,	3	90	A. Roberts,	20	10
F. Lacourse,	7	95	C. Dudley,	19	79
G. Seymour,	9	00	R. Dudley,	16	19
H. Seymour,	6	00	J. Peters, ox team,	9	90
C. Geer,	6	75	G. Blake,	3	00
G. Manahan, team,	3	50	F. Putnam, team,	3	30
P. Rivers,	16	00	W. Metcalf,	1	50
A. Fitts, team,	26	35	Repairs, gravel, tools,	14	65
T. Latown,	3	00			
N. G. Dudley,	38	25		$1038	67

List of Jurors,

Selected by the Selectmen, for the Acceptance of the Town, March 19, 1888.

William Abbott.
Francis N. Bird,
Henry Boardman,
William W. Brown.
Orrin Chase,
Palmer C. Converse,
Walter J. H. Dudley,
William S. Jillson,
Herbert N. Logee,
Hammond C. Metcalf.
Henry D. Mowry.
Joseph A. Richardson.
Byron A. Stockwell.
Chandler Titns.
William H. Wellman.

Leonard C. Belding,
Francisco Bowen.
Alvin H. Brown.
Walter E. Carpenter.
Geo. P. B. Clark.
Stephen P. Copp.
Cornelius Emmons.
Walter E. Jones.
John W. McMahon,
John C. Morrell.
Edgar C. Parker.
Stillman Russell.
Andrew J. Thayer.
Henry A. Walker.
James W. Wixtead.

B. W. ALDRICH,
I. S. BALCOME,
E. G. BABSON,
} Selectmen of Douglas.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

Town of Douglas,

FOR YEAR ENDING

March 1, 1888.

PRESS OF
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
EAST DOUGLAS, MASS.
1888.

School Committee.

1887—88.

L. S. WHIPPLE,	Term	expires	March 1,	1888
N. H. JONES,	"	"	"	1888
CHAS. W. POTTER,	"	"	"	1888
LEVI WHITE, M. D.,	"	"	"	1889
E. C. ESTEN,	"	"	"	1889
STILLMAN RUSSELL,	"	"	"	1889
REV. JAMES WELLS,	"	"	"	1890
JAMES WIXTEAD,	"	"	"	1890
FRANCISCO BOWEN,	"	"	"	1890

Organized, { STILLMAN RUSSELL, Chairman.
FRANCISCO BOWEN, Clerk.

JAMES WELLS,
S. RUSSELL,
F. BOWEN, } Superintending Committee.

STILLMAN RUSSELL,
FRANCISCO BOWEN, } Truant Officers.

TEACHERS:

M. H. Bowman,
Kate R. Sibley,
Dora S. Russell,
Ella M. Parker,
Jennie L. Parker,
Emma J. Payne,
E. Alice Neal,
Emma J. Willis,
Patience Breck,
W. O. Cartwright,
Roxa A. Dawley,
Evelyn E. Smith,
Minnie F. Darling,
Ada E. Brown,
May F. Kimball,
Ida M. Johnson,
Eunice B. Brown.

STATISTICS.

Whole number of children in town May 1, 1887, between the ages of 5 and 15 years,		419
Whole number attending school during the year, of all ages,		425
Average daily attendance in all the schools,		321
Whole number attending school under 5 yrs. of age,		7
" " " " over 15 " "		32
" " " " between the ages of 8 and 14 years,		263
Aggregate of months all the schools have been kept during the year,		114 m 5 days
Average number of months the schools have been kept during the year,		8⅔
Number of female teachers,		15
" male "		2
Average wages paid female teachers per month,		$30 15
" " " male " "		80 00
Appropriation for public schools, by the town, March 1, 1887,	$4,000 00	
Balance unexpended last year,	889 71	
State School Fund,	177 69	
Town School Fund, (interest,)	56 48	
Repairs and purchase of books,	500 00	
Tuition Fees,	33 00	
		$5,656 88

EXPENSE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Teachers wages, - -	$3,930 00
Rent of High School room, -	100 00
Supplies, - -	313 38

Permanent repairs, -	$114 11	
Truant Officers, - -	10 00	
Care of rooms, -	140 80	
Purchasing agent, - -	25 00	
School books, -	379 65	
Ira Wallis, rent of organ, -	12 00	
O. B. Young, repairing organ,	10 00	
Fuel, etc., - -	191 18	
Superintending Committee, -	100 00	
	$5,326 12	
New books on hand,	122 29	
Cost of schools for year 1887,		$5,203 83
Balance unexpended March 1, 1888,		$453 05

HIGH SCHOOL.

Teacher, { M. H. Bowman, Spring.
Walter O. Cartwright, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	13	15	12
Wages per week,	$20	$20	$20
Whole number of scholars,	31	30	26
Average attendance,	28	26	22

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teacher,—Patience Breck.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$10	$10	$10
Whole number of scholars,	30	34	33
Average attendance,	25	31	28

SCHOOL No. 1.

Teacher,—Kate R. Sibley.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$9	$9	$9
Whole number of scholars,	36	39	34
Average attendance,	30	32	29

SCHOOL No. 2.

Teacher,—Roxa A. Dawley.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	13	17	12
Average attendance,	11	13	7

SCHOOL No. 3.

Teachers { Dora S. Russell, Spring,
Evelyn E. Smith, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	44	44	28
Average attendance,	38	34	24

SCHOOL No. 4.

Teacher,—Ella M. Parker.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	17	17	17
Average attendance,	14	15	15

SCHOOL No. 5.

Teacher,—Minnie Darling.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	10	11	11
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	6	7	6
Average attendance,	5	5	5

SCHOOL No. 6.

Teacher,—Jennie L. Parker.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	
Wages per week.	$7	$7	
Whole number of scholars,	9	7	
Average attendance,	6	6	

SCHOOL No. 7.

Teacher,—Ada E. Brown.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	21	22	27
Average attendance,	14	16	15

SCHOOL No. 8.

Teacher,—Emma J. Paine.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	14	13	11
Average attendance,	12	9	8

SCHOOL No. 9.

PRIMARY.

Teacher,—MAY F. KIMBALL.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	69	75	47
Average attendance,	53	54	30

INTERMEDIATE.

Teachers { E. ALICE NEAL, Spring.
DORA S. RUSSELL, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	9	13
Wages per week,	$9	$9	$9
Whole number of scholars,	26	37	36
Average attendance,	16	28	23

SCHOOL No. 10.

PRIMARY.

Teachers { IDA M. JOHNSON, Spring.
EMMA J. WILLIS, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	52	41	31
Average attendance,	38	31	25

INTERMEDIATE.

Teachers { EUNICE B. BROWN, Spring.
IDA M. JOHNSON, Fall and Winter.

Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$8	$8	$8
Whole number of scholars,	26	20	20
Average attendance,	16	17	16

Remarks.

Perhaps to many of the voters in any town, the most interesting portions of the town report, are the figures which express receipts and expenditures. But there are interests, connected with our schools, which cannot be estimated by figures or dollars and cents. Yet, to secure these interests, money is needed and the want of a few hundred dollars ought not to stand in the way of a greater efficiency in our schools; nor in the way of making our school-rooms pleasant, comfortable, and healthy,

The ventilation of our school-rooms is sadly defective. "A sound mind is a sound body," was never more true than it is today. Scholars cannot do good work if they are hived in a hot foul atmosphere; the noxious germs with which the air is filled, pollute the blood and clog the brain. If the harm ended here, the culpability of the town would not be so great; but it does not end here, many a child has gone out from some of these school-rooms with impaired health and weakened constitution.

The teachers are not at fault, they are watchful and careful and do all that lies in their power to counteract the effects of a faulty construction of buildings. Under existing conditions, they must expose the children to one of two evils—either a direct draught of cold air, or the poisonous influences of a foul, overheated atmosphere. The sanitary arrangement, too, of many of our schools, are simply abominable. New and comfortable outbuildings are imperatively demanded for many of the schools.

The time seems to have arrived when the town ought to build a school-house to accommodate the High and Grammer schools. Such a building should have all modern improvements, suitable dressing rooms, chemical and physical labratory, recitation rooms, for future needs, etc. Such a school-building, fitted for the present and future needs of the town shonld be erected.

All know that some of our schools are quite small; which makes it more expensive to the town, than it would be if they could be united.

Thirteen schools have been maintained during the year and we think it has been fortunate for our schools that there have been so few changes among our teachers. Changes may sometimes be beneficial but "continuety of progess is impeded by application of dissimilar methods of instruction employed by different teachers." But to retain first class teachers, it must be in the power of the committee, sometimes to make an advance in wages.

One of the greatest drawbacks to the efficiency of our schools is the irregularity of attendance. This is largely the fault of the parents. Many of the absences and dismissals are needless, we believe; by a little planning parents could often arrange the duties of the children so as to require less frequent absenting themselves from school. We are sorry to have to report that there have been a few persistent truants, which have given not a little trouble to the truant officers. We begin to think there are some parants who do not do what they might to prevent it. There is a law for "habitual truants;" and if the truancy is continued, it would be best for the truants and the schools to which they belong, that the law should be enforced, by sending them to the truant school which the town has designated by vote.

Taking all things into consideration we think our schools have not been in a better condition for many years. We have been glad to see the general attention paid to writing in our schools and the neatness with which the books have been kept, and those attending the examinations have seen some excellent specimens of writing on slates, by some of the smallest scholars. Some have made commendable progress in drawing.

If parents of pupils and friends of public instruction would pay more frequent visits to the schools, we are thoroughly convinced that both teachers and scholars would be spurred to new efforts and the practical value of our schools be enhanced. Children gauge their own efforts, oftentimes, by the interest of their friends, and judge of that interest by its manifestations in personal visitation.

Many of the lower grade schools have now only thirty-one weeks schooling in the year. We think that no portion of the town ought to be more favored than any other in this respect, and therefore recommend that thirty-six weeks be given those schools that now have but thirty.three.

Three years ago, a Grammar school was established, which

has just graduated its first class consisting of fifteen. All present at the examination have felt that the whole school, and especially the graduating class, acquitted themselves with credit, alike to themselves and their teacher. The school has certainly proved a success. If it can be continued in its present prosperity, it will be an excellent feeder to our High school.

The High school has had to submit to a change of teachers during the year, for teachers are human and will sometimes yield to the temptation to better themselves. But we have been very fortunate in securing the services of so faithful and efficient a teacher, as Mr. Cartwright, to take the place of Mr. Bowman. We think it would be of a very great benefit to the school, if he. or as good a teacher could be retained long enough to take a class from beginning through to graduation.

In closing, we would recommend for support of schools $3,300 ; High school, $1,200 ; text books and repairs, $500.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WELLS,
STILLMAN RUSSELL,
FRANCISCO BOWEN,
} Superintending Committee.